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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL LEFT RESPONSE TO GOE ALLEGATIONS ON RIOTS

1. RESPONSE BY TRADITIONAL MARXIST LEFT TO GOE'S ALLEGATIONS  
THAT COMMUNISTS EXPOLITED RECENT EGYPTIAN RIOTING IS CONTAINED  
IN LATEST EDITION OF LEFTIST WEEKLY ROSE AL-YUSUF. NAGAZINE  
APPEARED ON NEWSSTANDS MORNING JANUARY 24 AND REPORTEDLY  
SOLD OUT BEFORE NOON.

2. EDITORIAL BY CHIEF EDITOR SHARQAWI CAGILY CONDEMNS BOTH  
SABOTEURS AND THOSE WHO CREATED FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR SABOTAGE.  
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CITING (GOE'S) STATEMENTS BLAMING "COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY"  
AS WELL "ALL MARXIST AND COMMUNISTS" FOR SABOTAGE, HE  
DECLARES SUCH SUPERFICIAL ANALYSIS MERELY DISTRACTS ATTENTION  
FROM THE REAL CONSPIRATORS. MARXIST AND COMMUNISTS ARE ALLIES  
OF SADAT'S NATIONAL REGIME, HE STATES EMPHATICALLY, POINTING  
OUT THAT ROSE AL-YUSUF BUILDING WAS TARGET OF RIOTERS. SECURITY  
AUTHORITIES ALLEGEDLY DID NOT RESPOND TO ROSE'S APPEAL FOR

HELP AGAINST "CONSPIRATORS."

3. IN FEATURE ARTICLE SIGNED BY SEVEN EDITORS, INCLUDING SUCH WELL KNOWN PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNISTS AS ABD AL-SATTAR AL TAWILA, SAME THEMES ARE EXPANDED UNDER HEADLINE "GOE KINDLED THE FIRE AND SADAT EXTINGUISHED IT." WORKERS, STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES WERE CONNED BY "DUBIOUS GROUPS" ARMED WITH IRON BARS, KEROSINE AND COTTON, WHO BEGAN ORGANIZED SABOTAGE EFFORTS ON EVENING JANUARY 18. NEXT DAY MININT ISSUED COMMUNIQUE BLAMING ALL SABOTAGE ON COMMUNISTS AND NASSERISTS, DECREE WHICH OBVIOUSLY COMIC SINCE SABOTAGE CONTINUED DESPITE MININT'S ARRESTS DURING THE NIGHT. ARTICLE ACCUSES SECURITY FORCES OF "STORMING" HOME OF ROSE'S FOREIGN EDITOR GAHLLAB (COMMENT: A TOP RANKING EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST) WITHOUT PROVIDING WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. ECHOING SOV EMBOFF'S REMARKS TO US LAST WEEK, ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT MININT INSISTENCE THAT COMMUNISTS BEHIND RIOTS IMPLIES COMMUNISTS CONSTITUTE MAJORITY OF EGYPTIANS. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT SABOTAGE METHODS USED BY CONSPIRATORS ARE NOT THOSE EMPLOYED BY COMMUNISTS, BUT RATHER REFLECT MODUS OPERANDI OF CIA OR MAFIA "WHICH ENTERED EGYPT WHEN FOREIGN BANKS OPENED."

4. RADICAL RELIGIOUS RIGHT HAS ALSO BEEN QUICK TO PUBLISH IMPLICIT DENIAL OF IKHWAN INVOLVEMENT RIOTING, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY ACCUSATION THAT IKHWAN WAS INVOLVED. IKHWAN'S PAPER, AL DA'WA, RECALLS THAT 1952 BURNING OF CAIRO (COMMENT: GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE IKHWAN) WAS, IN THE VIEW LAST WAFIDST CABINET, WORK OF USG.

5. COMMENT: SHARQAWI IS OBVIOUSLY SEEKING DEFLECT WRATH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOE AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL MARXIST LEFT. IN HIS EDITORIAL HE REPEATS HIS EARLIER CALL FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MINISTERS FROM ALL PARTIES. THIS "NATIONAL FRONT" COULD DEFEND THE REGIME, SINCE THEY CONSIDER SADAT TO BE THE DEFENDER OF THE JULY REVOLUTION. GOE HAD PREVIOUSLY RULED OUT SUCH COALITION (CAIRO 853) AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO THINK IT IS RECONSIDERING IDEA. WHETHER SHARQAWI STATEMENT OF ALLEGIANCE TO SADAT (AS OPPOSED TO SALIM GOVERNMENT) HAS HAD ANY EFFECT OR NOT, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER ARRESTS OF KNOWN LEFTISTS SINCE WEEKEND, AND THOSE LEFTIST JOURNALISTS WHO WERE ARRESTED ARE ALL MINOR FIGURES, WITH EXCEPTION OF GHALLAB. SHARQAWI HAS CLEVERLY USED HIS MAGAZINE IMPLICITLY TO INDICT SALIM GOVERNMENT WHILE EXPLICITLY REGISTERING MARXIST LOYALTY TO SADAT AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE 1952 REVOLUTION. BY IMPLICATION, SALIM'S ECONOMIC POLICIES HAVE VIOLATED THE BASIC REVOLUTIONARY TENETS OF SOCIALISM AND EQUALITY.

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